Scouting is a tradition in the Norris family

By Nan Bunting Chitwood

Scouting has been good to the Norris family. When Chris became an Eagle Scout in December, his father, Lee, and grandfather, Lonnie, joined him for a picture of three generations of Eagle Scouts.

Although the family is proud of their record, they are also proud of Boy Scouting and Poquoson's Troop 28. The troop has been in the community for 58 years and many of Poquoson's business leaders and city council members have been associated with it. During the past year, Troop 28 distributed city brochures, participated in a city cleanup, cleared trails in the woods behind the city park, and collected three large boxes of food for the Peninsula Food Bank. The food drive was part of a nationwide program called Scouting for Food.

Mayor Cornell Burcher recognizes Star Scout Jeff Montgomery at a recent City Council meeting. Jeff had presented a photograph of the monument in front of the Municipal Building which was taken on Memorial Day. With him at the ceremony were his sister and father. (photo by Petey Husson)

Lee values scouting because "it puts leadership on the shoulders of the youth." He believes that there are few organizations left where young people can learn leadership and development.

Scouting is also one of the few outdoor programs left. Troop 28 goes camping in all kinds of weather, as long as it is safe. During December's ice storm, they went camping in the woods behind Tabernacle Church. "We were warmer than the people indoors who lost their electricity," Chris said.

To become an Eagle Scout, Chris had to earn 21 merit badges, plus develop and carry out a leadership project. He chose clearing out a picnic area behind St. Kateri Tekakwitha Church. While a group of Scouts did the work itself, Chris had to plan and lead the project by himself.

Lee believes that every youth in Scouting has the opportunity to make Eagle Scout if he wants to. "They have to want it themselves," he explained. He earned his Eagle Scout in 1964 in Elk City, Oklahoma. His father, Lonnie, earned it in 1936 in Burleson, Texas. Lonnie still lives in Texas but he drove all the way to Poquoson to be at Chris' Eagle Court of Honor.

"To be an Eagle Scout is a promise," Chris said. "It's a promise of service and a promise to carry on Scouting as an adult."

Chris Norris, center, with father Lee and grandfather, Lonnie, all Eagle Scouts. Lonnie traveled from Texas to attend the ceremony.

Basketball team suffers a disappointing loss

By Jamey Diggs

The Poquoson High School varsity basketball team dropped their York River District opener to York last Friday, bringing their record to 3-5.

The Islanders headed to York to face the Falcons and after playing a good game, left with a disappointing 63-52 loss.

Trailing by one at the half, the Bulls came out ready to play in the third period and owned the lead several times.

York's Shawn Walker greatly contributed to Poquoson's loss with 27 points.

York pulled away from the Islanders in the final period, outscoring them 23-19 and giving them the nine point victory.

Junior Greg Krueger led Poquoson offensively with 16 points. Senior Travis Rice and freshman Clay Lambiotte were next with 10 points a piece.

"It was a very disappointing loss for us considering we played so well. We had the lead through much of the second half. I think we gained some respect with York in this game," said Lambiotte.

The JV Islanders dropped their first game of the season to York, 53-50.

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